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TWENTY-SECOND YEAR.

RECKS WITH FILTH.

New York Women Hold an Anti-Tammany Meeting.

They Propose to Help Purify the City Government.

MRS. POMEROY TALKS.

A House Cleaning Needed and They Intend to Help.

Dr. Parkhurst Says Every True Mother is Concerned.

NEW YORK, Oct. 5.—A meeting of the women of New York to organize in opposition to Tammany was held last night. The meeting was in pursuance of a special notice issued last Tuesday by Col. John J. Gifford, chairman of the Twenty-third district, anti-Tammany organization. Supplementary to Col. Gifford's notice was one from Mrs. Mark M. (Brick) Pomerooy, inviting such women as wished to take part in the movement to call at her house, 50 West Ninety-sixth street, Thursday evening for the purpose of going together to the hall, which is only a block away.

Col. Gifford called the meeting to order, and Mrs. Pomerooy who is strikingly handsome and who was at her very best in the light colored gown she wore, was unanimously asked to preside. As she walked down the aisle to the chair, she was greeted with applause. When she spoke she said that New York was like a house that was reeking with filth, and it was eminently proper that the women of the city should organize to assist in the house cleaning.

Mrs. Ella Howls was then chosen secretary and treasurer. Pomerooy made a speech in which she said a large percentage of the poverty and misery in the city was due to Tammany, because Tammany built private palaces with the money it leaders stole from funds generally contributed to relieve suffering.

Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. Simpson Smith and Varica, an Indian princess, also spoke.

DR. PARKHURST TO WOMEN. He Says Every True Mother is Interested in the City's Regeneration.

NEW YORK, Oct. 5.—Dr. Charles R. Parkhurst made one of his characteristic addresses to women last night in the Adams Memorial church. It was at a meeting of the city Vigilance League of the Fourteenth and Sixteenth assembly districts. The meeting was opened by Rev. Dr. Forbes, who presented Dr. Parkhurst.

"This question of women has been before the public in relation to this reform movement for some time," said the doctor, "and something is now coming of it. The regeneration of the city is a matter that should interest every mother, sister and wife that lives in it."

Dr. Parkhurst said politics had nothing to do with the women's work, for there was no politics in it. It was a question of right against wrong, a question of the ten commandments or no commandments.

"If she is a true mother, or sister, or wife, she should use every resource to elevate the general tone of the community," he said. "In order to bring about this reform we must begin with the municipal government."

The doctor said he had received a letter from a wholesome lady who volunteered to start the movement among the women, and he had a long conversation with her about it.

Referring to the coming election for governor he said: "If you have a son, he is the kind of a man who will sign his name to a bill giving the mayor the power to remove the heads of departments, then vote for him. If not, do not, that's all and unless Mr. Hill, who has been recently reformed, I hardly think he will do it."

"I have heard a rumor that it is the purpose of Tammany to endorse Mr. Goff for mayor. It is a Hill idea, I believe, and it shows that Hill is trying to ally himself with a body that will lend respectability to his campaign. In regard to Mr. Goff, who has been mentioned for the mayoralty, and the proposed endorsement of him by Tammany, I have only this to say.

"I know Mr. Goff personally, and well, and I know he is prepared to sink his own personality in this matter. I know what I am talking about. He is devoted to the welfare of his city and he will never allow his personal ambition if he has any, to stand between himself and his duty to his fellow citizens."

STRIKES EVEN IN EGYPT. The Laborers Are Making Trouble and Troops Are Ordered Out.

CAIRO, Oct. 5.—The Egyptian Gazette says it is rumored that the Suez Canal company has applied to the French government for protection of its property in Egypt. This application is said to have been based on trouble which has arisen on account of strikes among the laborers and others employed by the company.

The commander of the French cruiser Froude, at Port Said, is said to have prepared to disembark a force of marines and bluejackets in order to protect the company's property.

NEWMAN ERB RECEIVER. He is Appointed For a Firm Having \$3,000,000 Liabilities.

NEW YORK, Oct. 5.—Newman Erb, 24 East Seventy-fourth street, is appointed receiver for the firm of Stanton & Coffin, bankers and brokers, at 72 Broadway. Liabilities \$3,000,000, and assets sufficient to cover liabilities.

A receiver has been appointed because the members of the firm wish to dissolve partnership.

Byrnes Before the Grand Jury. New York, Oct. 5.—Police Superintendent Byrnes went before the grand jury today, and while nothing officially was said in the nature of his business, he is alleged to have been in connection with charges made against policemen before the Lexow committee.

TOO MANY WIFE BEATERS.

The Old Whipping Post Suggested As a Remedy in New York.

NEW YORK, Oct. 5.—"I think something should be done," said Police Justice Hogan when asked whether he favored the whipping post for wife beaters, "as almost every day men charged with that offense are let go because, as the wife says, if he were locked up she and the children would starve. There should be some remedy, but I do not like the idea of returning to the barbarous whipping post."

"Of late," said Justice Koch, "there have been a great many cases of young men beating their parents, and they are as bad as wife beaters. I am not in favor of the whipping post, however. Commodore Gerry should find some other remedy to punish these evil-doers."

"A man who beats his wife," said Justice Ryan, "deserves to be flogged, but still I do not favor the whipping post. I think imprisonment in a dark cell without food would be sufficient punishment."

HAS GIVEN UP HOPE. Secretary of State Osborn Admitted the Defeat of the Populist Ticket.

Secretary of State Osborn has evidently given up hope of the election of the Populist ticket. At the Oakley conference on October 2, when an attempt to fuse with the Democrats was made he made a fusion speech during which he said: "The Populist state ticket and Populist legislative ticket is defeated today and unless the Democrats and Populists unite to a man there is no hope for the legislative, state or congressional tickets."

THE ARABIAN SOLD. Charles Sampson Pays \$800 For the White Horse That Col. Hughes Rode.

The pure-white Arabian horse which Col. Hughes rode at the head of the McKinley procession, will remain in Topeka. It was sent to Topeka expressly for the occasion, but its owner, William Fisher of Holton, found his venture a profitable one. Charles Sampson of the Topeka Paper Co., bought White Crow for \$800. There is said to be not a black hair on the Arabian's glossy coat. Mr. Sampson has a black horse that is just as black as White Crow is white, and when the two get trained to drive together they will form a team of striking beauty as well as swiftness.

LOCAL PREACHERS MEET. National Association of the Methodist Church to Assemble in New York.

NEW YORK, Oct. 5.—The national association of local preachers of the Methodist Episcopal church will open its thirty-seventh annual convention in the Simpson M. E. church, Brooklyn, tomorrow and will continue its meetings from Sunday until Oct. 9.

The association, which is one of the most influential in the Methodist Episcopal denomination of this country, is composed of lay preachers from different parts of the United States, and it also includes delegates from Canada and Great Britain, and sends delegates to that country every year. There are 50,000 local preachers in the two countries. They receive no compensation.

EX-GOV. CURTIN DYING. The War Governor of Pennsylvania Cannot Last Long.

BELLEfonte, Pa., Oct. 5.—Ex-Gov. Curtin has been resting easier since midnight, but is sinking slowly. His physicians do not think that he can last through the day.

CAUGHT BY BLOODHOUNDS. Robbers of the Bloomfield, Indiana, Bank Captured After a Desperate Fight.

BLOOMFIELD, Ind., Oct. 5.—The robbers who dynamited the Bloomfield bank on Wednesday night and got away with nearly \$3,000 in cash were run down with a posse of bloodhounds near this place last night. A desperate fight was kept up and the robbers finally retreated. There were three of them, one of whom was shot down.

He was taken to Swift City, four miles from here and gave the name of Charles Rivers, of Indianapolis. Rivers had \$1,100 of the stolen money on his person. He is badly wounded and will die. The other two robbers eluded the posse and have not yet been taken.

Whisky Falls Ten Cents. Peoria, Oct. 5.—Whisky dropped ten cents on the board of trade today, but it was the reduction agreed upon at the meeting of the trust directors which was mentioned in the market report.

The special cash rebate and made to make the prices equivalent to what they would be with the seven and three cents rebates. The reduction did not go into effect until today.

V. M. C. A. Building Burned. Nashville, Tenn., Oct. 5.—The Young Men's Christian Association building was destroyed by fire today. The editorial rooms of the Banner in the same building were burned and the Banner building adjoining was damaged to some extent by water. The paper will be issued today as usual. The Associated Press room in the Y. M. C. A. building was destroyed. Loss of the Y. M. C. A. is \$60,000; insurance, \$25,000.

Seeks an Injunction. A. C. Axtell, through his attorneys, Bradford & Huroon, filed a petition today to prevent Sheriff Burdige from selling at sheriff's sale lots 65 and 67 Dillon street.

H. J. Lacey and John Hall are named as defendants on the ground that they have resorted to unfair means in their endeavor to get the property away from him.

George Waite's House Entered. The house of George Waite at 833 Madison street was broken into last night by thieves but so far as known nothing was taken. The thieves seemed to be after money for they left everything else untouched even to some silverware that was easily in their reach.

Waite and his family were in Kansas City attending the carnival and there was no one in the house. The thieves pried up a front window.

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AN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIR. England, Russia and France Can't Be Indifferent to Chinese War.

LONDON, Oct. 5.—The St. James Gazette says that the interests of England, France and Russia are closely involved in the possible breaking up of the Chinese empire and that it believed that Russia has signified that she cannot any longer regard the progress of events in the far east with indifference.

The Manchester Guardian is informed that Russia and Great Britain have definitely decided that the settlement of the war must be an international and not a Japanese affair. Germany and France are said to have acquiesced in this decision while the policy of the United States is still regarded as uncertain. Russia, according to the Manchester Guardian has already warned Japan that the future of Korea concerns the Russian government.

Japan, in her present mood, will pay no heed to any representations made by the powers unless they shall be accompanied by tangible evidence of the intention to back them up. It was to authorize this, according to the Guardian, that the ministerial council was summoned. It further says that after showing of force, Japan would be told that England desired that an armistice be established and on behalf of Europe would immediately call an international conference.

The Globe in an article referring to yesterday's ministerial council ridicules the idea that it was summoned merely for the purpose of sending war ships to protect the lives and property of British residents in China, and expresses opinion that the Manchester Guardian's article of today gives the real reason for the meeting of the ministers.

WILL BLOCKADE THE PORTS. Chinese Merchants Cancel Freight Contracts on Account of Such a Report.

SHANGHAI, Oct. 5.—The Chinese merchants are cancelling freight contracts to Cheo Foo and Tien-Tsin, owing to a report the Japanese intend to blockade these ports.

Several Japanese warships are patrolling the coast near Wei-Wei-Hai, the Chinese port on the Shang Tun promontory. They approach the coast at night and steam away at daybreak. It is said the object of these movements is to prevent Chinese warships from leaving Wei-Wei-Hai or Port Arthur on the opposite side of the Yellow Sea. It is stated here that the Japanese do not intend to interfere with the export of coal to China.

QUEEN OF ANARCHISTS. A Woman Discovered With Papers Plotting the Destruction of Chicago.

CHICAGO, Oct. 5.—The police arrested a woman today who was found at the woman depot with a bundle of anarchist literature. In her possession were found several circulars signed "Lizzie Loftus, queen of the anarchists," and ordering the destruction of Chicago on or about October 6.

The woman who was plainly dressed and of middle age, refused to give an account of herself and was locked up.

A Hanging Is Put Off. St. Joe, Mo., Oct. 5.—The body, who was to have been hanged for criminal assault in this city today, has been granted a new trial and stay of execution pending a decision of the supreme court. It is thought the case will not be reached on the supreme court docket until next March.

Prof. Botta Dies from His Fall. New York, Oct. 5.—Dr. Vincenzo Botta, author and scholar, who fell from the third story window of his home Tuesday morning, died today as the result of his injuries and shock from the fall. He was once president of the Union League club.

LOCAL MENTION. Railroad men say that six of the men recently let out at Arkansas City as a result of the Pullman strike on the Santa Fe, have been taken back.

Mrs. T. H. Haskell of 325 Clay street, was painfully injured in a runaway last night that occurred at the Greenwood avenue entrance to Potwin.

The plans for La Junta's new depot to replace the one recently burned have been completed and General Manager Frey will go out in a few days to attend the letting of the contract. The depot will be a nice one of stone.

The United Trading and Commission company of Kansas City was chartered today. The capital is \$50,000. The directors are W. T. Moore, Jr., Walter Greig, of Kansas City, Kansas, W. J. Wilkes and James K. Lathy, of Kansas City, Mo., and Charles Wilson of Leavenworth.

McKINLEY IN IOWA.

Speaks at Council Bluffs, and is Now on the Road to Des Moines.

NEOLA, Ia., Oct. 5.—The patriotic speeches which Gov. McKinley has been making are bearing fruit, for at every one of the stations where crowds assemble to hear him, there are liberal displays of flags of which the governor says so much. This has been especially noticed at the last two days, and since the speeches made have been put into circulation.

There was an early breakfast today and a five mile drive across the Missouri river to Council Bluffs where McKinley found at the Grand hotel a number of gentlemen who were there attending a reunion of the army of Tennessee. Among them were Generals Howard, Dodge, Walcott, Hickenlooper and Williamson, Col. Fred Grant, Tecumseh Sherman and Col. Hugh Belknap, who had an interchange of fraternal greeting with McKinley.

From a stand erected in front of the hotel Governor Jackson introduced the governor to several thousand people.

After commenting on the interest by them in congregating thus early to hear a political speech, Governor McKinley said: "You have an opportunity to vote to elect the president and the members of the Democratic administration. The people of this country have experienced a revolution in political sentiment. There has not been anything else like it in American history."

The Democratic party carried the country in 1892, but in every election in every northern state since, the verdict then given has been revoked and the people have spoken in thunderous tones for the Republican party and the principles of that party.

"What is the cause of this revolution? The Democratic president and the Democratic congress have been running this government for the last nineteen months, and during that time little has been accomplished. Every industry has been distressed and every occupation has been injuriously affected. We need prosperity and the prosperity of one occupation depends upon the prosperity of every other."

"You are prosperous in the agricultural sections of Iowa when the mills and factories are running in every state in the Union. My parting words are, bring back the state of Iowa to the position it so long occupied as one of the banner Republican states of the Union."

Council Bluffs was left at 10:45, the governor's party being taken charge of by Mr. Charles Kennedy, general northern passenger agent of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific, who acts as escort as far as Des Moines.

HOW TICKETS WILL BE. The Form of the Official Ballot Has Been Decided On.

There was a conference today in the office of the secretary of state for the purpose of agreeing upon a form for the state ticket. The Republican State Central committee was represented by J. M. Simpson, the Populists by D. C. Zerkow, the Democrats by Chairman Richardson, the Prohibitionists by Judge Silver and the new state ticket by J. Y. Robbins.

They finally agreed upon the following order for the names of the candidates: Governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, auditor, treasurer, attorney general, superintendent of public instruction, associate justice, congressman-at-large, congressman—district, judge—district, representative—district, county ticket, constitutional amendment.

Nothing was done at the order in which the tickets will appear upon the official ballot and will probably be left with the respective counties.

BRUCE LYNCH'S WORK. Collects a List of Republicans He Says Will Vote the Pop Ticket.

The Populist state central committee has received a list of thirty-four names of Republicans and Democrats who are pledged to vote the Populist ticket this year. Secretary Sempie says the list was secured by Bruce Lynch who was the Republican candidate for state treasurer two years ago.

The names are as follows: F. J. Whisland, Chanute, assistant superintendent Southern Kansas railroad; J. C. Prentice, Girard; D. G. Parker, Moline; A. A. Amole, A. P. Boles, J. D. Morgan, A. W. Nelson, J. H. Fisher, W. E. Humphrey, John W. Fox, Abe Baker, John Coates, Gus Hedger, G. M. Seif, M. J. Cunningham, G. R. Hamper, G. H. Miller, H. G. Barnes, G. H. Brooks, G. W. Reed, Peter Westling, J. J. Loves, M. Fetterolf, E. B. Portney, A. C. Cross, J. T. Hanna, Alex. Andrews, J. T. Waller, W. D. Frisby, Sid Long, Thomas H. Jackson, of Chanute, Ross Pringle and J. E. Thuone of Girard, and S. E. Webb of Ottawa.

FIGHTING CORNINGITES. An Effort to Keep the Bolters' Ticket Off the Ballot.

The Populist state central committee does not intend to allow the Bennington—Corning ticket to be printed on the official ballot if it is possible to prevent it.

Chairman Breidenthal will file written objections to the ticket today with the secretary of state. It will then be the duty of the secretary of state to confer with the auditor and attorney general and they will fix a date for hearing the objections. The candidates on the ticket will be notified so that they may appear and make a defense.

The first objection Chairman Breidenthal will make to the ticket is that it cannot be called the Populist state ticket and that although the regular party ticket is also known as the Populist ticket.

He says he has also ascertained that the names on the petitions are many of them irregular and that though the law requires the voter to sign his own name, there are whole pages evidently signed by the same persons.

After hearing both sides the board will decide whether the ticket shall be placed on the official ballot or not, and from the complexity of the board the indications are that the ticket is a long way from receiving a place on the state ticket.

Superintendent of Telegraph Lingafelt of the Rock Island is too sick to be at his office.

FLYING FOR SURE.

Flying Jib Paces a Mile With Running Mate in 1:58 1-4.

All Kinds of Records Are Lowered by It.

WIND AGAINST HIM.

Performance More Wonderful Because of Poor Conditions.

CHILLICOTHE, Ohio, Oct. 5.—Flying Jib was sent yesterday against the world's pacing record of 2:01 3/4 which was made by Westmont at Chicago. Monroe Salisbury, the owner of the pacer, drove out Jib and a running mate attached to a pneumatic tire wagon, and the famous Californian and his flyer were greeted with cheers by the immense audience.

After taking a turn around the track Andy McDowell, the only driver that ever drove a pacer in less than two minutes, mounted the seat and took the reins. He drove the team up around the little loop of the kite, and before the audience knew what was up they came to the wire. As he passed under the heat was on. The pacer was going at a terrific clip to the half, which was made in 59 flat. Round the turn the pacer kept up his turn to the three-quarter pole, where he began to show signs of weakness.

The gait was a hot one still, and he kept even pace with the runner and shot under the wire amid the hushed silence of 10,000 people, who eagerly strained forward awaiting Starter Loper's announcement of the time.

Some who had caught the pacer began cheering, knowing that he had beaten the world's record. The audience fairly went wild, and Starter Loper had to ring the bell to quell the riot of cheering throats. Once it was quiet again Starter Loper said: "We have witnessed something which no audience in the world has seen before. You have seen the fastest mile that was ever paced. Flying Jib has beaten Westmont, and made the mile in 1:58 1/4."

The mile the Jib went and the time is all the more remarkable when the circumstances are taken into consideration. All day a strong wind was blowing and the air was cold and clammy. The wind caught the horse as it came up the back stretch at the large loop, but he forged ahead just the same. The first half of the heat was made in 59 seconds and the last half in 59 1/4. The quarters could not be taken as the flagmen did not know that the start was to be made and were not at their posts at the quarter and the three-quarter poles.

Another world's record was broken by Onaka, the game little Iowa trotter, who has been doing battle with Expressive and was beaten at Terre Haute. She trotted under the wire in the first heat of the 3-year-old trot in 2:11 1/2, making the world's 3-year-old trotting record.

Still another world's record was broken by Sidmont, by Sidney, out of the great brood mare Fourleaf, the dam of Thistle, 2:13 1/4, and Goldleaf, 2:14 1/4. Sidmont went against time and smashed the 3-year-old stallion pacing record to smithereens, going the mile in 2:10 1/2, reducing the record made by Brookside a full second.

FEAR BRITISH GREED. French Papers Believe England Can't Keep Out of Chinese Affairs.

PARIS, Oct. 5.—The Gaulois commenting on the British cabinet council held yesterday, asks if British intervention in the Corea trouble might not constitute a repetition of the famous coup of 1878, which enabled Admiral Lord John Hay to take possession of the island of Cyprus.

The Figaro referring to the same subject remarks: "The British once landed in China would not be able to resist the desire to exercise pressure upon the Japanese in order to prevent them from doing all the advantages of victory. The troubles may then commence and the peace of Europe will be threatened for Russia, France and even America will certainly intervene."

BANANAS WILL BE SHORT. The Storm in Cuba Destroyed Almost the Entire Banana Crop.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 5.—According to reports made by Capt. Holtum of the British steamship Briganza which has just arrived from Baracoa, Cuba, bananas will be a scarce commodity at this port for some time to come. While the Briganza was in Cuba on September 22 and 23 the northeast end of Cuba was visited by one of the most terrific hurricanes that has swept that locality for twenty years.

All the banana plantations were either totally destroyed or badly damaged. The coconut oil factory, run by American capitalists, was badly damaged. Great damage was done up the mountains in the locality of Mats and Yumura and the Briganza returned with only a part cargo of fruit.

Pier and Stevedores Bound Over. Guy Hiet and John Stenman, who are under arrest for the Kyle & Co. burglary, were brought before Justice Furry this morning for preliminary trial. Stenman waived his examination and Pier was allowed bonds of \$500 which he was unable to give and both were committed to jail until the district court gets ready to try them.

Jud. Nicholson, who is under arrest for complicity in the Stansfield burglary case, took the stand and swore that he was in the Kyle store with Pier and Stenman.

Non-Partisan W. C. T. U. Convention. PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 5.—The national convention of the non-partisan W. C. T. U. will be held in Washington, Pa., Nov. 13 to 16, inclusive.

POISONED BY MUSSELS.

A Party of Ladies and Gentlemen of San Francisco Almost Fatally Poisoned.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 5.—A party of well known ladies and gentlemen of this city have been spending the summer on Bolinas bay. They were all poisoned by eating mussels gathered from the rocks. They were seriously affected, but are recovering. Muscels have always been supposed to be wholesome food.

Some physicians ascribe the poisoning to the presence of copper in the rock; others say that inside the mussel is a hair-like scale, harmless when the mollusk is thoroughly cooked, but poisonous otherwise. The physicians experimented with uncooked mussel juice on animals and found it as deadly as strychnine.

FIGHT WITH A MURDERER. A Hand to Hand Struggle Between a Detective and an Outlaw.

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 5.—The murderer of Charles H. Birdsell was captured in a lodging house by Detective Cuddehe and Officer Corbett after a desperate encounter in which Cuddehe came near losing his life. The murderer said his name was Robert Black, afterward admitting that it was assumed. When the police were informed of Black's hiding place Cuddehe and Corbett went to the house, the former entering first. He found Black and tried to engage him in conversation. Black pointed a revolver at Cuddehe and said, "Throw up your hands." Quick as a flash Cuddehe threw his arm over his head and dived headlong at his antagonist. The desperado pulled the trigger and it grazed Cuddehe's neck. Cuddehe seized him by the waist and threw him to the wall, where a life and death struggle took place.

Just then Corbett rushed in and beat the desperado over the head. At the police headquarters the man said robbery was his business and that he shot Birdsell in self-defense.

ASSASSINS BALKED. A Plot to Murder a Prosecutor of Saloon-keepers at St. Scott Frustrated.

ST. SCOTT, Oct. 5.—W. B. Webster, a W. C. T. U. lawyer who has been making war on the saloons, has related to the police a plot to murder him. He learned that two hard local characters were employed to attempt the deed at his house last night. Mr. Webster sent his family away and called in several neighbors, all at arms, for defense.

At midnight the two suspected men attempted to draw Mr. Webster to the yard and discovering the presence of an armed force they fled. Mr. Webster is corroborated by prominent citizens. Mr. Webster has sworn out warrants for the arrest of seven saloon keepers.

MORE LIGHT. Walter N. Allen Tells Something New About Demoralization.

Walter N. Allen, of the state board of charities in a paper at Lukens' opera house last night, had the following to say regarding the demoralization of silver, which will be new to most people:

"Mr. Hooper, a representative from Massachusetts, in discussing this bill to 1872 said: 'It had been prepared 20 years ago and that it had the approval of all the mint experts. That Mr. Earnest Seyd, a distinguished financier from London, had furnished many valuable suggestions which were incorporated in the bill.'"

"It will be seen from this that the treasury department and the congress of the United States made the first assault upon silver in the winter of 1870, one year before silver was demonetized in Germany, in 1871 and four years before any restrictions were put upon silver by France and the other states of the Latin union."

"When President Cleveland discovered the purpose of the bill, which was to demonetize the silver dollar, to which the attention of the senate was called and the bill was defeated in 1870. This bill was again introduced in 1872, but not until after the death of Mr. Fessenden, and its subsequent history of being clandestinely introduced through Congress is well known to the people of this country."

A MAYOR ARRESTED. The Santa Fe Gets After the Mayor of Joliet and His Street Force.

Word has been received in Topeka that the Santa Fe has caused the arrest of H. H. Stassen, mayor of Joliet, Ill., and over fifty members of the street force, for contempt of court.

The city authorities had ordered the Santa Fe and other roads to elevate a certain street track. The mayor had refused to follow, and the gang of fifty men under the direction of the mayor tore up over a block of the track in question. As the Santa Fe and its track is under the direct control of receivers of the federal court Mayor Stassen and his subordinates may suffer for their rashness.

GOOD WORD FOR BANKS. Telegraphed to Senator Allen of Nebraska.

The following telegram was received today at the state house from Senator Allen of Nebraska:

Governor LeWelling. Are rates of interest higher in Kansas than formerly? Is money equally plentiful? Wire immediately.

Wm. V. Allen, United States Senator. Governor LeWelling was absent and Bank Commissioner Breidenthal telegraphed him as follows:

TOPEKA, Oct. 5. Hon. Wm. V. Allen. Bank rates on commercial and other good paper were never lower than at present time. Rates on farm loans same as 1890. Our banks are in better condition than any other western state; owe less borrowed money and have more available cash than at any time in history of the state.

JOHN W. BREIDENTHAL, Bank Commissioner.

Both the Rock Island and the Santa Fe are doing a good business hauling Uncle Sam's troops from one fort to another just at present. The Rock Island had three special trains of them through Topeka yesterday. The troops are changed once every three days.